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MISSING ELDERLY ADULT MALE 2900 BLOCK EAST MILBER

The Tucson Police Department seeks public assistance with locating a missing elderly adult male. Mr. Rafael E. Alvarez, 77-years old, was last seen at approximately 10:00 p.m. on the evening of June 16, 2013. He had spent the day celebrating Father's Day with family before being dropped off at a residential assisted living facility located in the 2900 block of East Milber. At the time that he was dropped off, he became upset and got out of his daughter's vehicle. He began walking in a southbound direction towards a nearby desert area. The Tucson Police Department was notified that he was missing at approximately 10:45 p.m. They searched diligently throughout the night in an effort to locate Mr. Alvarez, but were not successful. There are increased concerns for his well-being due to the fact that he suffers from dementia and Parkinson's disease. He also has other medical concerns that require him to take medication. Mr. Alvarez has a prosthetic on his right leg.

Rafael Alvarez is described as being a Hispanic male, approximately 5'06" tall, weighing approximately 200 to 230 pounds, with salt and pepper hair coloring and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a long-sleeved blue, white, and black "cowboy style" shirt, a white cowboy hat, black shoes, and unknown colored pants. He has a mustache as well. Mr. Alvarez does not have bank or ATM access cards, but is believed to be carrying some cash in the form of United States currency. He typically will not use public transportation, but will ask for help if needed and is known to hitch hike. Mr. Alvarez is most familiar with the Midvale Park area, especially near Valencia Road, and the San Xavier Mission area. He has relatives in Arivaca, Arizona. In the past, Mr. Alvarez has gone to Cibuta, Sonora, Mexico and may be trying to get there again.

A recent photograph of Mr. Alvarez is included below. Anyone having knowledge of his whereabouts is asked to please call 911 as soon as possible. With the increased summer temperatures, there is even more concern for Mr. Alvarez. Please assist us with locating him and helping to get him any medical assistance he may need and/or returning him to his residence.

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